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SUMMARY: PRESS JULY 12 CONTAINS HEAVY EDITORIAL COMMENT
ON SADAT'S MEETINGS IN AUSTRIA. PAPERS UNANIMOUSLY VIEW
EVENTS AS DEMONSTRATING RENEWED MOMENTUM AND SOUNDNESS
OF EGYPTIAN POLICY. TIME RIPE FOR U.S. PROPOSALS. END
SUMMARY.

1. GENEVA. AHRAH NOTES EGYPT HAS NEVER OBJECTED TO RE-
SUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. TAKING LEAD FROM WALDHEIM,
PAPER CLAIMS EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL EMBODIES PRINCIPLES OF
RES. 242--ONLY ROAD TO JUST SOLUTION "ON ALL FRONTS."
THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL'S HASTY
REJECTION INDICATES REFUSAL WITHDRAW ON ALL FRONTS AND
"TOTAL DISREGARD" OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. COMING MONTH,
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CONCLUDES AHRAH, WILL BE DECISIVE FOR PEACE.

2. AMERICAN ROLE. AKHBAR, TOO, VIEWS ISRAEL'S REJECTION
AS CONSTITUTING NEW OBSTACLE. IN FACE OF REJECTION,
PAPER SAYS, TIME HAS COME FOR U.S. TO INCREASE ITS ROLE
TO ONE COMPATIBLE WITH U.S. RESPONSIBILITIES. ACCORDING
AKHBAR, IT UNREASONABLE FOR AMERICAN ATTITUDE TO REMAIN

LIMITED, AS SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY IN PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. GUMHURIYYA HAILS SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT AS DIRECT RESULT SADAT INITIATIVE. PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY "HARD, SERIOUS, AND CONSISTENT WORK" BY ARAB POWERS TO SUPPORT SOCIALISTS. AKHBAR BOARD CHAIRMAN MOUSSA SABRI ECHOED PRAISE FOR SI DOCUMENT, WHICH HE SAID WILL SHORTEN ROAD TO PEACE. NEVERTHELESS, SABRI AND OTHERS, IN FACE ISRAELI REJECTION OF SADAT PROPOSAL, DO NOT EXPECT LONDON CONFERENCE TO LEAD TO SUCCESS. SABRI PREDICTS FOLLOWING LONDON FAILURE USG WILL INTRODUCE ITS OWN PROPOSALS, NOT FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO EITHER SIDE, WHICH WILL REPRESENT NEW STARTING POINT FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. EILTS

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